



**New for 2007!**  
**All Employee  
Transfers Due  
May 11 Via  
TEAMS Online**

The Human Resources Division has announced that all employee requests for transfers to a different school building (or central administrative department) must be requested and verified through the district's TEAMS data management system online. Deadlines/information:

**✓March 12 Week**

This will be a "dead week" for transfer requests. No district online application for transfers will be available during this week, as the district prepares to transition the transfer request process to TEAMS.

**✓Monday, March 19**

All employees will be notified via a "pop up" screen upon log in to a district networked computer regarding the new TEAMS online transfer procedure.

**✓May 11 @ 4:00 p.m.**

The deadline for all transfer requests, including principal/supervisor verification, will be 4:00 p.m. on Friday, May 11. All hiring after this deadline will be from outside of the district.

**✓Two-Year Rule**

The "two-year rule" for all teachers, nurses, SLPs, etc., who are on a 189-day contract still applies, meaning no transfers for two years. The two-year rule does not apply to paraprofessionals, however.

**✓TEAMS Training**

All principals and central administrative staff have been trained in the new TEAMS transfer process.

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*Welcome Back!  
Hope you had  
a relaxing  
& enjoyable  
spring break.*

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## Superintendent's Service Award Nominees to be Honored at 42nd Annual Employee Recognition Banquet March 27

Dr. Doug Otto has announced nominees for his Eighth Annual Superintendent's Service Award. All nominees will be honored at the 42nd Annual Plano ISD Service and Retirement Event to be held on March 27 at Southfork Ranch. Surprise awards presentations will be made to the top winners. Read more about the awards on our website at: [www.pisd.edu/superaward](http://www.pisd.edu/superaward).

Congratulations to the following nominees!

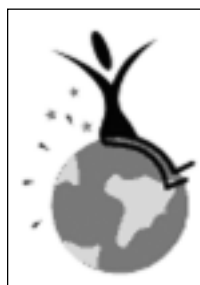
Bob Aaron - Facility Services Locksmith  
Nancy Ahnemann - Barksdale Office Secretary  
Susan Baack - Barron Teacher Assistant  
Diane Baker - Shepton Attendance Clerk  
Irene Barrera - Bowman Counselor Clerk  
Frances Becker - Meadows Title 1 Reading Teacher Asst  
Mary Blackwell- Davis Special Education Teacher Assistant  
Connie Bowman - Rasor Campus Technology Assistant  
Anne Brown - Hedgcoxe Special Education Paraprofessional  
Kathleen Celso- Harrington FANS Cashier Specialist  
Chuck Chiamulera - Haggard FANS Manager  
Helen Cohen - Carlisle Special Education Aide  
Ginger Drennan - Harrington Centralized Classroom Asst  
Sandye Duffer - Sigler Campus Technology Assistant  
Diane Dupre - Thomas Special Education Paraprofessional  
Donna Easley - Andrews Office Manager  
Mindy Fisher - Skaggs Special Education Assistant  
Shavonne Ford - Huffman Physical Education Assistant  
Delia "Dee" Garza - Shepard Office Manager  
Sylvia Garza-Ruiz - Admin. Records Management Secretary  
Hilda "Noly" Gomez - Barron Teaching Asst  
Ann Gray - Davis Deaf Education Teaching Asst  
Olivia Gurski - Harrington Centralized Classroom Asst  
Marilyn Jean Harris - Special Programs K-8 Sp Ed Asst  
Dianne Hayes - Jasper Front Office Clerk  
Diana Henderson - Jasper Office Manager  
Mary Herrera - Murphy Teaching Asst  
Mary Jeanne Higbee - Boggess Campus Technology Asst  
Tami Jent - Plano East Secretary to Associate Principal  
Janet Johnson - Plano West Campus Technology Assistant  
Debora Johnson - FANS Office Manager  
Dale Kerr - Purchasing Department Technician  
Josette Klemp - Davis Teaching Assistant  
Connie Krell - Hickey/McCall Library Assistant  
Freida Lee - Carpenter Office Manager  
Debbie Lessly - Meadows Title 1 Teaching Assistant  
Monica Luckey - Clark Special Education Teacher Asst  
Daniel Majors - Armstrong Physical Education Assistant  
Mevelyn Mendoza - Jasper Library Assistant



*School Bus Driver "Super Dave" Marshall, pictured with Jackson Elementary School students, was among four winners of the 2006 Superintendent's Service Award.*

Dayna Nehls - Forman Attendance Secretary  
Donna Olson - Rice Campus Technology Assistant  
Juanita Paciencia - Shepton Counselor Clerk  
Dawn Pavel - Weatherford Campus Technology Assistant  
Kay Pfeifer - Armstrong Counselor Secretary  
Shaheen Rahman - Skaggs Special Education Teaching Asst  
Tara Ramirez - Shepton Campus Technology Assistant  
Charles Randall - Vines Special Education Teacher Asst  
Girija Reddy - Hickey Special Education Paraprofessional  
Anitha Reddy - Thomas Special Education Assistant  
Reyna Salgado - Head Start Special Education Teacher Asst  
Donna Sides - Miller Special Education Teacher Asst  
Carol Smith - Jackson Secretary  
Debbie Spangler - Wyatt Secretary  
Debby Spitzer - Harrington Campus Technology Assistant  
Toni Spruiell - Hunt Campus Technology Assistant  
Julie Stephens - Murphy Office Manager  
Janet Strickland - Learning Media Services Office Manager  
Sharon Taylor - Gullledge Special Education Assistant  
Julie Taylor - Mendenhall Campus Technology Assistant  
Dollie Thomas - Human Resources Compensation and Diversity Specialist  
Betty Thompson - Facility Services Warehouse Processor  
Kari Tolle Sigler - Office Manager  
Luz Dalia Valentin - Sigler Bilingual Teacher Assistant  
Jennifer Vargas - Armstrong Special Ed Teaching Asst  
Pamela Ward - Centennial Secretary  
Brenda Wendle - Plano East Beta Sub-School Secretary  
James White - Distribution Warehouse Driver

## 'Child Find' Helps Identify Students with Special Needs



Plano ISD is responsible for identifying, locating and evaluating any children with known or suspected disabilities who reside in and/or attend school within the school district's boundaries to determine whether a need for special education and related services exists. This includes children from birth through age 21 who reside in group or nursing homes and/or who attend private or home schools within the district's boundaries regardless of place of residence. As part of this Child Find effort, the Plano ISD Department of Special Education Services maintains a free information and referral service called Lift off to Learning to help identify children who may need assistance with learning challenges. By pinpointing and addressing learning problems early, every infant, child and youth is offered an equal chance to achieve his or her full potential. All referrals are confidential, and services are provided at no cost. The parent, legal guardian, or surrogate parent retains the right to refuse services and is provided other procedural safeguards under federal and state law. For more detailed information, call the Lift Off to Learning Help Line at (469) 752-8100 x 38050; Marcia Davis, Child Find Coordinator, at (469) 752-8248; or Chris Gates, Child Find Facilitator, at (469) 752-8220. Look for Lift Off to Learning brochures at every district school, and please refer parents to the Help Line numbers.

## Blood Drives to Benefit PISD's Larry Tucker

Wilson Middle School and Plano ISD will host blood drives on March 16 & 19, respectively, to benefit longtime district employee Larry Tucker, executive director of fine arts and academic programs. Mr. Tucker has been in the hospital intermittently during the past two months due to an illness that causes chronic anemia. Mr. Tucker's wife Marion is a sixth grade teacher at Wilson. His children Jason Tucker and Jennifer Penny are both teachers at Rice Middle School. Cyndi Tucker, his daughter-in-law, also teaches at Wilson. Blood drives will be held as follows:

### Friday, March 16

8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Wilson Middle School  
(Green Room 204)  
1001 Custer Road  
Contact: Nurse Dinea Smith,  
ext. 26709

### Monday, March 19

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Administration Building  
2700 W. 15th Street  
Contact: Vicki Call  
(ext. 28142)  
and  
Facility Services  
6600 Alma Drive  
Contact: Rose Suther  
(ext. 20294)

Information about blood donation may be found online at: [www.carterbloodcare.org](http://www.carterbloodcare.org).

## Memorial School to Honor PISD Military Heroes

In preparation for celebrating its 40th Anniversary, Memorial Elementary School will update its honorary plaque which lists the names of deserving members of the armed forces. Please contact Principal Wendy DeSpain (ext. 22510) with names of military personnel who attended Plano schools and who died serving our country...Memorial's anniversary celebration will be held on November 11, 2007.

## District Digest

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## Kudos to Plano ISD Students & Staff

**Academic Decathlon Team Wins State Title** – The Plano Senior High School Academic Decathlon Team (pictured, right) captured the state title and will compete for the national championship in Honolulu, Hawaii, in April. Plano students earned nearly \$20,000 in scholarships at the state contest and several individual and team medals. Teammates are Jonathan To, John Thompson, Lorelei Nguyen, Lily Yan, Aron Hughes, Gary Wang, Tracy Huang, Ning Zhang and Calvin Liu. Coaches are Bill Borowicz and Sheila Kolb.

**DI Teams Qualify for State** – Several Destination ImagiNation teams from PISD qualified at regionals to compete at the upcoming state tournament. Capturing first place awards were students from Barksdale, Carlisle, Hughston, Jackson and Mendenhall elementary schools; Haggard and Frankford middle schools; Shepton and Jasper high schools; Plano Senior High School; and a combined team from Williams and Vines high schools and Murphy Middle School.



**State Bound** – Frankford Middle School's DI team is among several teams that will represent PISD at state.

**PSHS Coach Celebrates 400th Soccer Victory** – Plano Senior High School Soccer Bob Weir was awarded recently for his 400th win by PSHS Athletic Director Coach Gerald Brence and the Wildcat Soccer Booster Club. During his 29-year career, Coach Weir has amassed five Wildcats' state championship titles in '91, '92, '93, '95, and 2000 - the most to date of any boys' soccer program in the state of Texas.

**PWSH Senior Named Top Texas Teen Volunteer** – For the second consecutive year, Plano West Senior Kyle Freas has been named Texas' top high school volunteer in the 2007 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards Program. He and Distinguished Finalist Deanna Mei, Plano Senior High School, were honored recently at the state ceremony. Kyle, who now qualifies for the national award, will be recognized at a ceremony to be held this spring in Washington, D.C.

## Notable Notes...

### Congratulations to these proud parents and grandparents:

❑ **Melissa Ramon**, Skaggs Elementary, and her husband **Roy** announced the birth of daughter **Ella Raquel** on January 23. Grandmother **Judy Curry** works at Huffman Elementary; **Margaret Quartel**, Shiloh Center librarian, and **Carrie Canaday**, Hunt special education teacher, welcomed grandson and nephew, respectively, **Bradley Donald** on February 6. Proud parents are **Scott and Sarah Quartel**; and Wells Elementary Special Education Teacher **Cindy Drake** and her husband **John** welcomed grandson **Mason Elliot Drake** on February 8.

❑ **Susie Jasper**, Plano Regional Day School Program for the Deaf parent/infant trainer, welcomed her first grandchild **Liliana Jasper**, born on February 8 in San Diego, CA; **Kacy Terra**, Jasper High School, welcomed son **Evan Bradley** on February 9; and **Sheila Underwood**, Frankford language arts teacher, and her husband **Jason** announced the birth of son **Everett Stephen** on February 12; and **Gail Ball**, administration building, became the proud grandmother of **Nicholas Andrew** on February 16. Proud parents are **John and Diane Ball**.

### Sympathy is extended to the following employees:

❑ **Patti Saucier**, Bethany first grade teacher, whose father-in-law **Anthony Saucier** died on December 19; **Daisy Villa**, Boggess Elementary, who lost her grandfather in January; **Harold White, Jr.**, Boggess/PESH, whose great-grandfather died in January; and **Smitty Minton**, Clark Stadium, and **Kathy Minton**, PESH, on the loss of their brother and uncle, respectively, **Walter Minton** who passed away on January 14.

❑ **Robyn Watkins**, Murphy Middle School, and **Cindy Sandell**, Schimelpfenig Middle School (retired), whose grandmother and mother, respectively, **Lydia Robinson** died on January 21; **Ellyn Reese-Fautsch**, Meadows Elementary, on the January 24 passing of her father **John H. Reese**; **Sharon Peterson**, Mitchell Elementary FANS manager, whose mother **Patricia Reissig** died on January 25; **Jackie Irvén**, Renner Middle School FANS employee, whose grandmother **Hazel Badger** died on January 26.

### Thought for the Week:

*"Every spring is the only spring - a perpetual astonishment."*

~Ellis Peters



**State Champs** – PSHS's Academic Decathlon Team will compete for the national title this April in Hawaii. Students won \$20,000 in scholarships at the state event.

**Plano Students Sweep Regional Science Fair** – Students from Plano schools in grades K-6 swept the grand prize awards at the North Dallas Regional Science Fair held on February 22 at Plano Centre.

Grand prize awards were won by Lena Khanolkar of Hedcoxe Elementary; Connor Madden from Mitchell Elementary; and Ben Carroll of Murphy MS. Top schools awarded for most student participation at the district science fair were Hickey (64%), Mendenhall (55%), Hightower (46%) and Frankford Middle School (30% of 6th grade).

Ginger Britain, elementary science coordinator, said that nearly 6,200 students participated in their building science fairs, and 291 students participated in the district fair. Regional fair competitors hailed from Allen, Carrollton/Farmers Branch, Garland, Plano, Richardson, McKinney and Mesquite.



**400th Win** – Coach Bob Weir (right) was recognized in February by PSHS Athletic Director Gerald Brence and the Wildcat Soccer Booster Club.

